

REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action of September 9, 2004, in which the Examiner rejected certain claims over Hay (U.S. Patent No. 4,523,169) in view of Elton *et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 4,853,565) and Takaoka *et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 5,094,703).

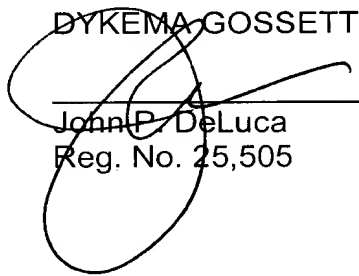
During a telephone conference with the Examiner conducted December 6, 2004, the Examiner indicated that the claims would be allowable if Applicants submitted a Terminal Disclaimer citing U.S. Patent Application No. 08/952,993 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,822,363).

The Terminal Disclaimer is submitted herewith. Accordingly, it is requested that the Examiner pass the above-identified application to issue.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 04-2223 for fees, which may be required in this matter or credit any overpayment thereto.

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